

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANT OF AID TO
INDIGENT AND DISABLED SOLDIERS AND
SAILORS AND THEIR WIVES.

S. J. R. No. 9.] SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Senate Joint Resolution to amend Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the grant of aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, and to soldiers who served in the militia and in organizations for the protection of the frontier and their indigent widows, and to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for the indigent and dependent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors, and such women as aided the Confederacy, and authorize a special ad valorem pension tax, and making appropriations for same.

Be it enacted [resolved] by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 51, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 3. Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporation whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1900, and their widows in indigent circumstances, and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since January 1, 1900, and who were married to such soldiers and sailors anterior to January 1, 1900; to indigent and disabled soldiers, who under special laws of the State of Texas, during the war between the States served for a period of at least six months in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raids or Mexican marauders, and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the State of Texas, who were in active service for a period of at least six months during the war between the States, to the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances, and who were married to such soldiers prior to January 1, 1900, provided that the word "widow" in the preceeding lines of this section shall not apply to women born since 1861, and also to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows, and women who aided in the Confederacy under such regulations, and limitations as may be provided for by law; provided, the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together in the home.

The Legislature shall have the power to levy and collect, in addition to all other taxes heretofore permitted by the Constitution of Texas, a State ad valorem tax on property not exceeding five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate Army and Navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations, or militia.

SEC. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the

necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the general election of State officers, in November, 1912, at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For the amendment to Section 51, Article 3, of the Constitution relating to increase of Confederate pensions;" and the voters opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Section 51, Article 3, of the Constitution, relating to increase of Confederate pensions."

SEC. 3. The sum of \$5,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing Resolution passed the Senate by a vote of 26 yeas and 0 nays; that it passed the House with amendments by a vote of 110 yeas and 0 nays; that the Senate concurred in House amendments by a vote of 25 yeas and 0 nays.]